

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A servo position adjustment method for recording to an information recording medium in which a plurality of tracks are formed concentrically or spirally and the recording side of the tracks is irradiated with an optical beam to record user data, said method comprising:

- a first servo position adjustment step;
- a recording step of recording a predetermined signal in a servo position found in~~under the effect of~~ the first servo position adjustment;
- a reproduction step of reproducing the predetermined signal recorded in said recording step; and
- a second servo position adjustment step of performing a second servo position adjustment based on the reproduction of the predetermined signal.

2. (previously presented) The servo position adjustment method according to claim 1, wherein said first servo position adjustment step comprises adjusting a servo position on a basis of a first evaluation index, and wherein said second servo position adjustment step comprises adjusting a servo position on the basis of a second evaluation index.

3. (previously presented) The servo position adjustment method according to claim 2, wherein the basis for adjusting a servo position in said first servo position adjustment step is to optimize the first evaluation index with respect to tracking error.

4. (previously presented) The servo position adjustment method according to claim 2, wherein the basis for adjusting a servo position in said second servo position adjustment step is to optimize the second evaluation index with respect to a reproduction signal in a predetermined reproduction signal processing method.

- 5. (previously presented)** The servo position adjustment method according to claim 4, wherein the second evaluation index is a PRML error index M, and wherein optimizing the second evaluation index comprises minimizing the PRML error index M.
- 6. (previously presented)** The servo position adjustment method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of adjustments of focal position, lens tilt position, and spherical aberration position is performed in said first servo position adjustment step or said second servo position adjustment step.
- 7. (previously presented)** The servo position adjustment method according to claim 1, wherein recording conditions in said recording step are determined by test recording.
- 8. (Original)** The servo position adjustment method according to claim 7, wherein the recording conditions include conditions for pulse position and/or laser irradiation power in recording the predetermined signal.
- 9. (currently amended)** A servo position adjustment device for adjusting a servo position in the course of recording to an information recording medium in which a plurality of tracks are formed concentrically or spirally and the recording side of the tracks is irradiated with an optical beam to record user data, said device comprising:
- a first servo position adjustment unit operable to perform a first servo position adjustment;
 - a recording unit operable to record a predetermined signal in a servo position found ~~in under the effect of~~ the first servo position adjustment; and
 - a second servo position adjustment unit operable to reproduce the predetermined signal recorded by said recording unit and to perform a second servo position adjustment based on the reproduction of the predetermined signal.